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Sent: 9/4/2020 1:17:23 PM
To: Hammer, David [dhammer@wwltv.com]
CC: Hubbard, Joseph [Hubbard.Joseph@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: PRESS INQUIRY: FW: Chloroprene monitoring

David, I'm sorry we are late with this. I hope you can amend your story with our statement:

EPA will discontinue the community monitoring at the end of September. The continuous (SPOD) monitoring is now fully operational, and the data from this monitoring will be posted before the end of September on the same website where we currently post the community data: <https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary>

On Sep 3, 2020, at 12:27 PM, Hammer, David <dhammer@wwltv.com> wrote:

I appreciate it.

From: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Hammer, David <dhammer@wwltv.com>
Cc: Hubbard, Joseph <Hubbard.Joseph@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: PRESS INQUIRY: FW: Chloroprene monitoring

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Thanks, David. We will check with our staff and get back to you.

Jennah

On Sep 3, 2020, at 11:38 AM, Hammer, David <dhammer@wwltv.com> wrote:

Here's the attached letter. Basically, I just want to make sure the plan is still to end the community monitoring program at the end of this month and that there are still delays in implementing the S-PODs, as referenced in this letter 2 weeks ago. If so, will the new SPOD data be available before the original monitors are removed?

From: Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Hammer, David <dhammer@wwltv.com>
Cc: Hubbard, Joseph <Hubbard.Joseph@epa.gov>
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Hi David,

David Gray forwarded your inquiry to us for response. Unfortunately your attachment didn't make it—can you share the letter with us, and tell us which part you're referring to in your inquiry?

Thanks,
Jennah Durant
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From: Hammer, David <dhammer@wwltv.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:30 AM
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Subject: Chloroprene monitoring

David,

I'm doing a follow-up story today on the planned removal of the EPA's ambient air concentration monitors around the Denka facility in St. John the Baptist Parish. In February, I covered your visit to the Tchoupitoulas Chapel in Reserve, La., and your promise to keep the monitoring in place until the S-PODs are operational. The attached letter from Region VI to LDEQ seems to suggest those S-PODs are not operational yet, but the monitoring will end at the end of this month. Is that still the plan? The monitor at Fifth Ward Elementary School measured a 27 percent increase in emissions over the first four months of 2020 as compared to the first four months of 2019, so residents are concerned that data about the spikes is still not available. My deadline for the story is 2:00 central time. Thanks.

DAVID HAMMER
Investigative Reporter

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